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ABSTRACT

Changes in marital and procreative projections among rural Louisiana high school youth between 1968 and 1972 were examined. In 1968 a proportionate, stratified, random cluster sampling technique was employed to secure data on seniors from 13 white and 7 black high schools. In 1972 public school integration and the establishment of private schools prevented historical comparison of the same schools, but insofar as was possible an attempt was made to involve the specific respondents who would have been 1972 seniors in the 20 schools from 1968, corresponding to the racial grouping of the 1968 sample. In both instances an 18 page version of the 1968 S-61 Southern Youth Study questionnaire was group administered with the exception of one school in the 1972 sample (544 questionnaires were completed in 1968 and 453 in 1972). Data measuring change were analyzed by sex, race, and residence relative to the following items: (1) Desired Age at Marriage; (2) Number of Children Desired; (3) Number of Children Expected; (4) Desire for Wife Working After Marriage; (5) Expectation for Wife Working After Marriage; and (6) Importance of Family and Marriage. Tabular data constitutes the major portion of this paper, while a brief narrative describes the research procedure. (JC)

MARITAL AND PROCREATIVE PROJECTIONS OF RURAL LOUISIANA YOUTH: A HISTORICAL COMPARISON*

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Purpose

The purpose of this paper is to examine changes in marital and procreative projections among rural Louisiana high school youth between 1968 and 1972 for a panel presentation on rural southern youth.

Sample Selection

1968

The aim of the research design was to obtain a representative sample of rural high school youth in Louisiana. A proportionate, stratified, random cluster sampling technique was employed for sample selection.

Procedures followed in selecting the sample were as follows: (1) The state was stratified by four geographical areas to represent the four quadrants of the state which differ somewhat in their social and economic characteristics. Moreover, each area is relatively homogeneous in its social and economic traits compared to the others. (2) Clusters (or schools) served as the sampling unit. Within each area, between four and six schools were selected randomly from nonmetropolitan parishes to obtain black and white students proportionate to their enrollment in nonmetropolitan schools within the state. A total of 20 schools--13 white and seven black-- was selected for the entire state. (3) Senior students in the schools were designated as respondents for the sample to correspond with the cohort being studied in the other states participating in the project.

1972

Public school integration and establishment of private academies confounded the opportunity to study historical change in the same schools. In 1972, only four of the original 20 schools--three white and one black--were substantially the same as in 1968 and two had been closed. These four unchanged schools, the 14 other integrated ones still open, and two private academies were selected as the sampling units for studying historical change. The 14 schools (black and white) had been integrated with identifiable previously segregated schools (white or black). Although all students in the schools completed questionnaires in 1972, only the racial grouping corresponding to the 1968 schools was utilized in this analysis.

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In addition, private academies had been opened in two places where white schools had been included in 1968. These were added to the sample in 1972 because some students who otherwise would have been attending public schools were attending these academies. Insofar as possible, an attempt was made to involve the specific respondents who would have been 1972 seniors in the 20 schools from 1968.

Data Collection

1968

An 18-page version of the 1968 S-61 Southern Youth Study questionnaire was utilized to collect data by means of group interviews in the schools during early April. These interviews were conducted by staff members (faculty and graduate assistants) from the Department of Rural Sociology at Louisiana State University, who had been instructed in interview procedures prior to the field work. Approximately 60 minutes were required for each administration. All the seniors present on the day the interview was scheduled participated, but no attempt was made to contact any who were absent. A total of 544 completed questionnaires were obtained. The questionnaire for one black has been lost and one from a Native American is being excluded here, leaving the distribution of respondents in Table A available for analysis.

1972

A slightly modified version of the 1968 questionnaire was utilized. The deleted items were at the back of the questionnaire and were not concerned directly with the project objectives. Additions included the Occupational Aspiration Scale and significant-other influence items.

During May, this questionnaire was administered to the senior classes in the schools. Completed questionnaires were obtained from 453 seniors in the schools except that a mail questionnaire was utilized for one private academy because the school year had concluded too early to administer the questionnaire in the school. This academy had 19 graduates and 17 of them returned questionnaires. The distribution of respondents is provided in Table A.

Table A. Distribution of Rural Louisiana Senior Respondents in 1968 and 1972, by Race and Sex

Race	1968			1972		
	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total
Black	91[a]	126	217[a]	64	77	141
White	168[a]	157	325[a]	150	162	312
TOTAL	259[a]	283	542[a]	214	239	453

[a]Excluding 1 Native American and 1 lost questionnaire

Table 1. Change in Desired Age at Marriage of Rural Louisiana Youth by Race and Sex, 1968-1972

Desired Age At Marriage	Males						Females					
	Black			White			Black			White		
	1968 %	1972 %	Change %	1968 %	1972 %	Change %	1968 %	1972 %	Change %	1968 %	1972 %	Change %
19 or Less	8.8	20.3	+11.5	12.5	14.0	+1.5	11.9	24.7	+12.8	23.6	34.0	+10.4
20-22	20.9	10.9	-10.0	32.7	35.3	+2.6	32.0	39.0	+8.0	59.9	51.2	-8.7
23-24	24.2	18.8	-5.4	22.6	13.3	-9.3	29.4	20.8	-8.6	10.8	7.4	-3.4
25 or more	46.2	50.0	+3.8	32.1	37.3	+5.2	27.8	15.6	-12.2	5.7	7.4	+1.7
Total	100.1	100.0	--	99.9	99.9	--	100.1	100.1	--	100.0	100.0	--
N =	91	64	--	168	150	--	126	77	--	157	162	--
	$\chi^2 = 6.52$ d.f. = 3 p = .09			$\chi^2 = 4.66$ d.f. = 3 p = .20			$\chi^2 = 9.97$ d.f. = 3 p = .02			$\chi^2 = 5.42$ d.f. = 3 p = .14		

Table 2. Change in Number of Children Desired by Rural Louisiana Youth by Race and Sex, 1968-1972

Number of Children Desired	Males						Females					
	Black			White			Black			White		
	1968 %	1972 %	Change %	1968 %	1972 %	Change %	1968 %	1972 %	Change %	1968 %	1972 %	Change %
None[a]	0.0	0.0	0.0	1.9	3.6	+1.7	2.5	2.8	+0.3	2.0	3.2	+1.2
1[a]	2.3	1.9	-0.4	2.6	3.6	+1.0	3.3	6.9	+3.6	0.7	4.5	+3.8
2	33.7	40.7	+7.0	26.3	46.0	+19.7	39.7	45.8	+6.1	14.7	32.1	+17.4
3	9.3	27.8	+18.5	27.6	20.4	-7.2	18.2	12.5	-5.7	22.0	20.5	-1.5
4	34.9	20.4	-14.5	26.9	17.5	-9.4	27.3	22.2	-5.1	38.0	26.9	-11.1
5 or more	19.8	9.3	-10.5	14.7	8.8	-5.9	9.1	9.7	+0.6	22.7	12.8	-9.9
Total	100.0	100.1	--	100.0	99.9	--	100.1	99.9	--	100.1	100.0	--
N =	86	54	--	156	137	--	121	72	--	150	156	--
	χ^2 = 12.09 d.f. = 4 p = .02			χ^2 = 15.55 d.f. = 4 p = .004			χ^2 = 2.75 d.f. = 4 p = .60			χ^2 = 20.70 d.f. = 4 p = .0004		

[a]Categories combined for all race-sex groupings for χ^2

Table 3. Change in Number of Children Expected by Rural Louisiana Youth by Race and Sex, 1968-1972

Number of Children Expected	Males						Females					
	Black			White			Black			White		
	1968 %	1972 %	Change %	1968 %	1972 %	Change %	1968 %	1972 %	Change %	1968 %	1972 %	Change %
None[a]	1.2	0.0	-1.2	2.6	4.8	+2.2	2.4	6.9	+3.5	1.4	5.8	+4.4
1[a]	4.8	0.0	-4.8	2.6	3.2	+0.6	4.2	9.7	+5.5	0.7	1.3	+0.6
2	25.0	33.3	+8.3	28.5	40.5	+12.0	28.6	36.1	+7.5	15.9	39.6	+23.7
3	9.5	29.4	+19.9	25.8	19.0	-6.8	18.5	13.9	-4.6	24.8	20.8	-4.0
4	33.3	17.6	-15.7	26.5	23.0	-3.5	31.9	20.8	-11.1	39.3	22.7	-16.6
5 or more	26.2	19.6	-6.6	13.9	9.5	-4.4	13.4	12.5	-0.9	17.9	9.7	-8.2
Total	100.0	99.9	--	99.9	100.0	--	100.0	99.9	--	100.0	99.9	--
N =	84	51	--	151	126	--	119	72	--	145	154	--
	$\chi^2 = 14.61$ d.f. = 4 p = .006			$\chi^2 = 6.48$ d.f. = 4 p = .16			$\chi^2 = 6.80$ d.f. = 5 p = .24			$\chi^2 = 30.18$ d.f. = 5 p = .0001		

[a] Categories combined for Black males and White males for χ^2

Table 4. Change in Desires for Wife Working After Marriage for Rural Louisiana Youth by Race and Sex, 1968-1972

Desire For Wife Working After Marriage	Males						Females					
	Black			White			Black			White		
	1968 %	1972 %	Change %	1968 %	1972 %	Change %	1968 %	1972 %	Change %	1968 %	1972 %	Change %
Not Work At All	46.8	47.5	+0.7	63.0	48.6	-14.4	8.5	4.4	-4.1	14.1	7.2	-6.9
Work Until Children	36.4	35.6	-0.8	32.5	45.2	+12.7	36.8	41.2	+4.4	60.3	73.0	+12.7
Work After Children	16.9	16.9	0.0	4.5	6.2	+1.7	54.7	54.4	-0.3	25.6	19.7	-5.9
Total	100.1	100.0	--	100.0	100.0	--	100.0	100.0	--	100.0	99.9	--
N =	77	59	--	154	146	--	117	68	--	156	152	--
	$\chi^2 = 0.01$ d.f. = 2 p = .98			$\chi^2 = 6.27$ d.f. = 2 p = .04			$\chi^2 = 1.27$ d.f. = 2 p = .54			$\chi^2 = 6.64$ d.f. = 2 p = .04		

Table 5. Change in Degree of Work Desired for Wife After Marriage for Rural Louisiana Youth by Race and Sex, 1968-1972

Degree of Work Desired For Wife After Marriage	Males						Females					
	Black			White			Black			White		
	1968 %	1972 %	Change %	1968 %	1972 %	Change %	1968 %	1972 %	Change %	1968 %	1972 %	Change %
Work Before Children	68.3	67.8	-0.5	87.7	88.0	+0.3	40.2	43.0	+2.8	70.2	78.7	+8.6
Part-time	(43.9)	(22.6)	(-21.3)	(45.6)	(41.3)	(-4.3)	(19.6)	(21.5)	(+1.9)	(23.9)	(19.7)	(-4.2)
Full-time	(24.4)	(45.2)	(+20.8)	(42.1)	(46.7)	(+4.6)	(20.6)	(21.5)	(+0.9)	(46.3)	(59.1)	(+12.8)
Work After Children	31.6	32.3	+0.7	12.2	12.0	-0.2	59.8	57.0	-2.8	29.9	21.2	-8.7
Part-time	(14.6)	(9.7)	(-4.9)	(7.0)	(8.0)	(+1.0)	(21.5)	(10.8)	(-10.7)	(22.4)	(9.9)	(-12.5)
Full-time	(17.0)	(22.6)	(+5.6)	(5.2)	(4.0)	(-0.8)	(38.3)	(46.2)	(+7.9)	(7.5)	(11.3)	(+3.8)
Total	99.9	100.1	--	99.9	100.0	--	100.0	100.0	--	100.1	100.0	--
N =	41	31	--	57	75	--	107	65	--	134	14	--
	$\chi^2 = 5.22$ d.f. = 3 p = .15			*			$\chi^2 = 3.36$ d.f. = 3 p = .34			$\chi^2 = 12.58$ d.f. = 3 p = .006		

*χ^2 not computed because >20% of the cells contained expected frequencies <5.

Table 6. Change in Expectations for Wife Working After Marriage for Rural Louisiana Youth by Race and Sex, 1968-1972

Expectations For Wife Working After Marriage	Males						Females					
	Black			White			Black			White		
	1968 %	1972 %	Change %	1968 %	1972 %	Change %	1968 %	1972 %	Change %	1968 %	1972 %	Change %
Not Work At All	35.8	53.7	+17.9	49.0	43.4	-5.6	11.1	4.6	-6.5	15.1	13.0	-2.1
Work Until Children	38.8	33.3	-5.5	40.7	47.6	+6.9	37.0	38.5	+1.5	60.5	62.3	+1.8
Work After Children	25.3	13.0	-12.3	10.3	9.1	-1.2	51.9	56.9	+5.0	24.3	24.7	+0.4
Total	99.9	100.0	--	100.0	100.1	--	100.0	100.0	--	99.9	100.0	--
N =	67	54	--	155	143	--	108	65	--	152	154	--

$\chi^2 = 4.75$
d.f. = 2
p = .09

$\chi^2 = 1.44$
d.f. = 2
p = .49

$\chi^2 = 2.19$
d.f. = 2
p = .34

$\chi^2 = 0.29$
d.f. = 2
p = .86

Table 7. Change in Degree of Work Expected for Wife After Marriage for Rural Louisiana Youth by Race and Sex, 1968-1972

Degree of Work Expected For Wife After Marriage	Males						Females					
	Black			White			Black			White		
	1968 %	1972 %	Change %	1968 %	1972 %	Change %	1968 %	1972 %	Change %	1968 %	1972 %	Change %
Work Before Children	60.5	72.0	+11.5	79.8	84.0	+4.2	41.7	40.4	-1.3	71.3	71.7	+0.4
Part-Time	(41.9)	(40.0)	(-1.9)	(55.7)	(42.0)	(-13.7)	(19.8)	(21.0)	(+1.2)	(27.1)	(15.7)	(-11.4)
Full-Time	(18.6)	(32.0)	(+13.4)	(24.1)	(42.0)	(+17.9)	(21.9)	(19.4)	(-2.5)	(44.2)	(56.0)	(+11.8)
Work After Children	39.5	28.0	-11.5	20.3	16.0	-4.3	58.4	59.7	+1.3	28.7	28.3	-0.4
Part-Time	(18.6)	(12.0)	(-6.6)	(15.2)	(11.1)	(-4.1)	(24.0)	(25.8)	(+1.8)	(18.6)	(14.9)	(-3.7)
Full-Time	(20.9)	(16.0)	(-4.9)	(5.1)	(4.9)	(-0.2)	(34.4)	(33.9)	(-0.5)	(10.1)	(13.4)	(+3.3)
Total	100.0	100.0	--	100.1	100.0	--	100.1	100.1	--	100.0	100.0	--
N =	43	25	--	79	81	--	96	62	--	129	134	--
	*			*			χ^2 = 20.00 d.f. = 3 p = .97			χ^2 = 7.03 d.f. = 3 p = .07		

*χ^2 not computed because >20% of the cells contained expected frequencies <5

Table 8. Change in Importance of Marriage and Family for Rural Louisiana Youth by Race and Sex, 1968-1972

Importance of Marriage and Family	Males						Females					
	Black			White			Black			White		
	1968 %	1972 %	Change %	1968 %	1972 %	Change %	1968 %	1972 %	Change %	1968 %	1972 %	Change %
1 (High)	3.8	0.0	-3.8	3.0	6.8	+3.8	1.7	6.9	+5.2	21.2	24.8	+3.6
2	2.5	3.6	+1.1	10.1	8.2	-1.9	5.1	4.2	-0.9	16.0	12.4	-3.6
3	6.2	7.3	+1.1	13.1	17.1	+4.0	7.7	4.2	-3.5	19.2	11.2	-8.0
4	10.0	10.9	+0.9	19.6	9.6	-10.0	12.0	5.6	-6.4	11.5	15.5	+4.0
5	7.5	9.1	+1.6	19.6	11.6	-8.0	13.7	9.7	-4.0	9.6	12.4	+2.8
6	40.0	41.9	+1.9	14.3	13.0	-1.3	26.5	25.0	-1.5	11.5	9.9	-1.6
7 (Low)	30.0	27.3	-2.7	20.2	33.6	+13.4	33.3	44.4	+11.1	10.9	13.7	+2.8
Total	100.0	100.1	--	99.9	99.9	--	100.0	100.0	--	99.9	99.9	--
N=	80	55	--	168	146	--	117	72	--	156	161	--
	*			$\chi^2 = 17.36$ d.f. = 6 p = .01			*			$\chi^2 = 6.76$ d.f. = 6 p = .34		

* χ^2 not computed because > 20% of the cells contained expected frequencies < 5.

Table 9. Change in Level of Importance of Marriage and Family for Rural Louisiana Youth by Race and Sex, 1968-1972.

Level of Importance of Marriage and Family	Males						Females					
	Black			White			Black			White		
	1968 %	1972 %	Change %	1968 %	1972 %	Change %	1968 %	1972 %	Change %	1968 %	1972 %	Change %
High (1,2)	6.2	3.6	-2.6	13.1	15.1	+2.0	6.8	11.1	+4.3	37.2	37.3	+0.1
Medium (3,4,5)	23.8	27.3	+3.5	52.3	38.4	-13.9	33.3	19.4	-13.9	40.4	39.1	-1.3
Low (6,7)	70.0	69.2	-0.8	34.5	46.6	+12.1	59.8	69.4	+9.6	22.4	23.6	+1.2
Total	100.0	100.1	--	99.9	100.1	--	99.9	99.9	--	100.0	100.0	--
N=	80	55	--	168	146	--	117	72	--	156	161	--
	*			$\chi^2 = 6.39$ d.f. = 2 p = .04			$\chi^2 = 4.68$ d.f. = 2 p = .09			$\chi^2 = 0.08$ d.f. = 2 p = .95		

*χ^2 not computed because >20% of the cells contained expected frequencies <5.

Table 10. Change in Desired Age of Marriage of Rural Louisiana Males by Race and Residence, 1968-1972

Black

Desired Age At Marriage	Farm			Open-Country (Nonfarm)			Town or Village			City		
	1968 %	1972 %	Change %	1968 %	1972 %	Change %	1968 %	1972 %	Change %	1968 %	1972 %	Change %
19 or Less	3.0	0.0	-3.0	8.3	34.8	+26.5	27.3	18.5	-8.8	9.1	0.0	-9.1
20 - 22	12.1	12.5	+0.4	27.8	0.0	-27.8	27.3	14.8	-12.5	18.2	25.0	+6.8
23 - 24	33.3	12.5	-20.8	22.2	8.7	-13.5	27.3	29.6	+2.3	0.0	25.0	+25.0
25 or More	51.5	75.0	+23.5	41.7	56.5	+14.8	18.2	37.0	+18.8	72.7	50.0	-22.7
Total	99.9	100.0	--	100.0	100.0	--	100.1	99.9	--	100.0	100.0	--
N=	33	8	--	36	23	--	11	27	--	11	4	--

White

19 or Less	15.9	12.2	-3.7	12.5	21.6	+9.1	4.2	3.3	-0.9	10.5	14.3	+3.8
20 - 22	33.3	43.9	+10.6	32.1	33.3	+1.2	37.5	33.3	-4.2	26.3	28.6	+2.3
23 - 24	23.2	17.1	-6.1	25.0	5.9	-19.1	16.7	23.3	+6.6	21.1	10.7	-10.4
25 or More	27.5	26.8	-0.7	30.4	39.2	+8.8	41.7	40.0	-1.7	42.1	46.4	+4.3
Total	100.0	100.0	--	100.0	100.0	--	100.1	99.9	--	100.0	100.0	--
N=	69	41	--	56	51	--	24	30	--	19	28	--

Table 11. Change in Desired Age of Marriage of Rural Louisiana Females by Race and Residence, 1968-1972

Black

Desired Age At Marriage	Farm			Open-Country (Nonfarm)			Town or Village			City		
	1968 %	1972 %	Change %	1968 %	1972 %	Change %	1968 %	1972 %	Change %	1968 %	1972 %	Change %
19 or Less	6.1	20.0	+13.9	5.6	21.7	+16.1	20.0	33.3	+13.3	30.8	42.9	+12.1
20 - 22	45.5	20.0	-25.5	31.5	39.1	+7.6	20.0	41.7	+21.7	15.4	42.9	+27.5
23 - 24	21.2	40.0	+18.8	35.2	23.9	-11.3	32.0	8.3	-23.7	23.1	0.0	-23.1
25 or More	27.3	20.0	-7.3	27.8	15.2	-12.6	28.0	16.7	-11.3	30.8	14.3	-16.5
Total	100.1	100.0	--	100.1	99.9	--	100.0	100.0	--	100.1	100.1	--
N=	33	10	--	54	46	--	25	12	--	13	7	--

White

19 or Less	22.6	48.0	+25.4	20.8	25.0	+4.2	20.0	45.2	+25.2	38.1	25.7	-12.4
20 - 22	69.8	36.0	-33.8	56.6	61.7	+5.1	56.7	45.2	-11.5	47.6	51.4	+3.8
23 - 24	5.7	8.0	+2.3	17.0	3.3	-13.7	13.3	7.1	-6.2	4.8	14.3	+9.5
25 or More	1.9	8.0	+6.1	5.7	10.0	+4.3	10.0	2.4	-7.6	9.5	8.6	-0.9
Total	100.0	100.0	--	100.1	100.0	--	100.0	99.9	--	100.0	100.0	--
N=	53	25	--	53	60	--	30	42	--	21	35	--

Table 12. Change in Number of Children Desired by Rural Louisiana Males by Race and Residence, 1968-1972

	Desired Number of Children	Farm			Open-Country (Nonfarm)			Town or Village			City		
		1968 %	1972 %	Change %	1968 %	1972 %	Change %	1968 %	1972 %	Change %	1968 %	1972 %	Change %
Black	None	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
	1	0.0	0.0	0.0	5.9	0.0	-5.9	0.0	4.0	+4.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
	2	18.2	62.5	+44.3	47.1	33.3	-13.8	33.3	32.0	-1.3	40.0	75.0	+35.0
	3	6.1	12.5	+6.4	11.8	26.7	+14.9	11.1	40.0	+28.9	10.0	0.0	-10.0
	4	45.5	12.5	-33.0	26.5	33.3	+6.8	22.2	16.0	-6.2	40.0	0.0	-40.0
	5 or More	30.3	12.5	-17.8	8.9	6.7	-2.1	33.3	8.0	-25.3	10.0	25.0	+15.0
	Total	100.1	100.0	--	100.1	100.0	--	99.9	100.0	--	100.0	100.0	--
	N=	33	8	--	34	15	--	9	25	--	10	4	--
White	None	0.0	10.5	+10.5	5.9	0.0	-5.9	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	4.0	+4.0
	1	1.6	2.6	+1.0	2.0	4.5	+2.5	0.0	3.3	+3.3	11.1	4.0	-7.1
	2	23.4	34.2	+10.8	25.5	54.5	+29.0	39.1	46.7	+7.6	22.2	48.0	+25.8
	3	25.0	23.7	-1.3	23.5	13.6	-9.9	26.1	26.7	+0.6	50.0	20.0	-30.0
	4	35.9	23.7	-12.2	25.5	13.6	-11.9	21.7	20.0	-1.7	5.6	12.0	+6.4
	5 or more	14.1	5.3	-8.8	17.6	13.6	-4.0	13.0	3.3	-9.7	11.1	12.0	+0.9
	Total	100.0	100.0	--	100.0	99.8	--	99.9	100.0	--	100.0	100.0	--
	N=	64	38	--	51	44	--	23	30	--	18	25	--

Table 13. Change in Number of Children Desired by Rural Louisiana Females by Race and Residence, 1968-1972

	Desired Number of Children	Farm			Open-Country (Nonfarm)			Town or Village			City		
		1968 %	1972 %	Change %	1968 %	1972 %	Change %	1968 %	1972 %	Change %	1968 %	1972 %	Change %
Black	None	0.0	0.0	0.0	3.7	2.3	-1.4	0.0	0.0	0.0	9.1	20.0	+10.9
	1	0.0	0.0	0.0	5.6	9.1	+3.5	4.2	0.0	-4.2	0.0	20.0	+20.0
	2	46.9	30.0	-16.9	35.2	43.2	+8.0	37.5	72.7	+35.2	45.5	40.0	-5.5
	3	18.8	10.0	-8.8	14.8	15.9	+1.1	20.8	9.1	-11.7	27.3	0.0	-27.3
	4	25.0	40.0	+15.0	31.5	20.5	-11.0	29.2	9.1	-20.1	9.1	20.0	+10.9
	5 or More	9.4	20.0	+10.6	9.3	9.1	-0.2	8.3	9.1	+0.8	9.1	0.0	-9.1
	Total	100.1	100.0	--	100.1	100.0	--	100.0	100.0	--	100.1	100.0	--
	N=	32	10	--	54	44	--	24	11	--	11	5	--
White	None	2.0	4.0	+2.0	2.0	1.8	-0.2	0.0	2.4	+2.4	5.0	6.1	+1.1
	1	2.0	4.0	+2.0	0.0	1.8	+1.8	0.0	12.2	+12.2	0.0	0.0	0.0
	2	15.7	52.0	+36.3	18.0	26.3	+8.3	6.9	26.8	+19.9	15.0	33.3	+18.3
	3	13.7	12.0	-1.7	24.0	29.8	+5.8	27.6	14.6	-13.0	30.0	18.2	-11.8
	4	45.1	24.0	-21.1	36.0	28.1	-7.9	34.5	22.0	-12.5	30.0	33.3	+3.3
	5 or More	21.6	4.0	-17.6	20.0	12.3	-7.7	31.0	22.0	-9.0	20.0	9.1	-10.9
	Total	100.0	100.0	--	100.0	100.1	--	100.0	100.0	--	100.0	100.0	--
	N=	51	25	--	50	57	--	29	41	--	20	33	--

Table 14. Change in Number of Children Expected by Rural Louisiana Males by Race and Residence, 1968 - 1972

	Expected Number of Children	Farm			Open-Country (Nonfarm)			Town or Village			City		
		1968 %	1972 %	Change %	1968 %	1972 %	Change %	1968 %	1972 %	Change %	1968 %	1972 %	Change %
Black	None	0.0	0.0	0.0	3.0	0.0	-3.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
	1	3.1	0.0	-3.1	9.1	0.0	-9.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
	2	12.5	62.5	+50.0	36.4	28.6	-7.8	22.2	30.4	+8.2	30.0	25.0	-5.0
	3	6.2	0.0	-6.2	12.1	35.7	+23.6	11.1	34.8	+23.7	10.0	25.0	+15.0
	4	43.8	12.5	-31.3	24.2	21.4	-2.8	33.3	13.0	-20.3	30.0	25.0	-5.0
	5 or more	34.4	25.0	-9.4	15.2	14.3	-0.9	33.3	21.7	-11.6	30.0	25.0	-5.0
	Total	100.0	100.0	--	100.0	100.0	--	99.9	99.9	--	100.0	100.0	--
	N=	32	8	--	33	14	--	9	23	--	10	4	--
White	None	1.6	10.8	+9.2	6.1	2.4	-3.7	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	4.8	+4.8
	1	1.6	2.7	+1.1	4.1	2.4	-1.7	0.0	3.7	+3.7	5.9	4.8	-1.1
	2	21.0	32.4	+11.4	26.5	51.2	+24.7	34.8	40.7	+5.9	52.9	33.3	-19.6
	3	25.8	18.9	-6.9	22.4	17.1	-5.3	34.8	22.2	-12.6	23.5	19.0	-4.5
	4	33.9	27.0	-6.9	24.5	17.1	-7.4	21.7	22.2	+0.5	11.8	28.6	+16.8
	5 or more	16.1	8.1	-8.0	16.3	9.8	-6.5	8.7	11.1	+2.4	5.9	9.5	+3.6
	Total	100.0	99.9	--	99.9	100.0	--	100.0	99.9	--	100.0	100.0	--
	N=	62	37	--	49	41	--	23	27	--	17	21	--

Table 15. Change in Number of Children Expected by Rural Louisiana Females by Race and Residence, 1968-1972

	Expected Number of Children	Farm			Open-Country (Nonfarm)			Town or Village			City		
		1968 %	1972 %	Change %	1968 %	1972 %	Change %	1968 %	1972 %	Change %	1968 %	1972 %	Change %
Black	None	3.1	20.0	+16.9	3.8	2.3	-1.5	0.0	9.1	+9.1	9.1	20.0	+10.9
	1	3.1	0.0	-3.1	5.7	15.9	+10.2	4.3	0.0	-4.3	0.0	0.0	0.0
	2	28.1	30.0	+1.9	28.3	31.8	+3.5	30.4	54.5	+24.1	27.3	40.0	+12.7
	3	18.8	20.0	+1.2	17.0	13.6	-3.4	17.4	0.0	-17.4	27.3	20.0	-7.3
	4	34.4	10.0	-24.4	30.2	22.7	-7.5	39.1	27.3	-11.8	18.2	20.0	+1.8
	5 or more	12.5	20.0	+7.5	15.1	13.6	-1.5	8.7	9.1	+0.4	18.2	0.0	-18.2
	Total	100.0	100.0	--	100.1	99.9	--	99.9	100.0	--	100.1	100.0	--
	N=	32	10	--	53	44	--	23	11	--	11	5	--
White	None	2.0	8.0	+6.0	0.0	3.5	+3.5	0.0	7.3	+7.3	5.0	6.5	+1.5
	1	2.0	4.0	+2.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	2.4	+2.4	0.0	0.0	0.0
	2	16.0	44.0	+28.0	14.6	33.3	+18.7	11.1	43.9	+32.8	25.0	41.9	+16.9
	3	12.0	16.0	+4.0	29.2	31.6	+2.4	33.3	12.2	-21.1	35.0	16.1	-18.9
	4	48.0	20.0	-28.0	39.6	17.5	-22.1	29.6	26.8	-2.8	30.0	29.0	-1.0
	5 or more	20.0	8.0	-12.0	16.7	14.0	-2.7	25.9	7.3	-18.6	5.0	6.5	+1.5
	Total	100.0	100.0	--	100.1	99.9	--	99.9	99.9	--	100.0	100.0	--
	N=	50	25	--	48	57	--	27	41	--	20	31	--

Table 16. Change in Desires for Wife to Work of Rural Louisiana Males by Race and Residence, 1968-1972

	Desires for Wife to Work After Marriage	Farm			Open-Country (Nonfarm)			Town or Village			City		
		1968 %	1972 %	Change %	1968 %	1972 %	Change %	1968 %	1972 %	Change %	1968 %	1972 %	Change %
Black	Not work at all	42.3	28.6	-24.3	50.0	60.9	+10.9	36.4	44.0	+7.6	62.5	33.3	-29.2
	Till Child, Pt/time	15.4	14.3	-1.1	21.9	8.7	-13.2	36.4	16.0	-20.4	37.5	0.0	-37.5
	Till Child, Fl/time	19.2	28.6	+9.4	15.6	17.4	+1.8	0.0	24.0	+24.0	0.0	33.3	+33.3
	After Child, Pt/time	7.7	14.3	+6.6	6.2	4.3	-1.9	18.2	4.0	-14.2	0.0	0.0	0.0
	After Child, Fl/time	15.4	14.3	-1.1	6.2	8.7	+2.5	9.1	12.0	+2.9	0.0	33.3	+33.3
	Total	100.0	100.1	--	99.9	100.0	--	100.1	100.0	--	100.0	99.9	--
	N=	26	7	--	32	23	--	11	25	--	8	4	--
White	Not work at all	67.7	50.0	-17.7	53.2	54.0	+0.8	62.5	43.3	-19.2	72.2	42.3	-29.9
	Till Child, Pt/time	20.0	17.5	-2.5	19.1	20.0	+0.9	8.3	20.0	+11.7	11.1	30.8	+19.7
	Till Child, Fl/time	9.2	25.0	+15.8	21.3	20.0	-1.3	20.8	26.7	+5.9	16.7	26 9	+10.2
	After Child, Pt/time	1.5	5.0	+3.5	4.3	4.0	-0.3	4.2	6.7	+2.5	0.0	0.0	0.0
	After Child, Fl/time	1.5	2.5	+1.0	2.1	2.0	-0.1	4.2	3.3	-0.9	0.0	0.0	0.0
	Total	99.9	100.0	--	100.0	100.0	--	100.0	100.0	--	100.0	100.0	--
	N=	65	40	--	47	50	--	24	30	--	18	26	--

Table 17. Change in Desires for Wife to Work of Rural Louisiana Females by Race and Residence, 1968-1972

	Desires for Wife to Work after Marriage	Farm			Open-Country (Nonfarm)			Town or Village			City		
		1968 %	1972 %	Change %	1968 %	1972 %	Change %	1968 %	1972 %	Change %	1968 %	1972 %	Change %
Black	Not Work At All	6.7	0.0	-6.7	7.7	7.1	-0.6	4.5	0.0	-4.5	23.1	0.0	-23.1
	Till Child Pt/time	20.0	37.5	+17.5	21.2	11.9	-9.3	18.2	36.4	+18.2	0.0	20.0	+20.0
	Till Child Fl/time	20.0	25.0	+5.0	19.2	23.8	+4.6	18.2	9.1	-9.1	15.4	20.0	+4.6
	After Child Pt/time	20.0	0.0	-20.0	19.2	11.9	-7.3	22.7	9.1	-13.6	15.4	20.0	+4.6
	After Child Fl/time	33.3	37.5	+4.2	32.7	45.2	+12.5	36.4	45.5	+9.1	46.2	40.0	-6.2
	Total	100.0	100.0	--	100.0	99.9	--	100.0	100.1	--	100.1	100.0	--
	N=	30	10	--	52	42	--	22	11	--	13	5	--
White	Not Work At All	15.1	12.0	-3.1	9.4	8.8	-0.6	20.0	5.0	-15.0	15.0	3.2	-11.8
	Till Child, Pt/time	17.0	20.0	+3.0	24.5	12.3	-12.2	20.0	17.5	-2.5	20.0	29.0	+9.0
	Till Child, Fl/time	35.8	40.0	+4.2	39.6	61.4	+21.8	43.3	60.0	+16.7	45.0	48.4	+3.4
	After Child, Pt/time	30.2	20.0	-10.2	17.0	5.3	-12.3	10.0	7.5	-2.5	10.0	9.7	-0.3
	After Child, Fl/time	1.9	8.0	+6.1	9.4	12.3	+2.9	6.7	10.0	+3.3	10.0	9.7	-0.3
	Total	100.0	100.0	--	99.9	100.1	--	100.0	100.0	--	100.0	100.0	--
	N=	53	25	--	53	57	--	30	40	--	20	31	--

Table 18. Change in Expectations for Wife to Work of Rural Louisiana Males by Race and Residence, 1968-1972

	Expectations For Wife To Work After Marriage	Farm			Open-Country (Nonfarm)			Town or Village			City		
		1968 %	1972 %	Change %	1968 %	1972 %	Change %	1968 %	1972 %	Change %	1968 %	1972 %	Change %
Black	Not Work At All	28.0	42.9	+14.9	40.7	64.7	+24.0	28.6	45.8	+17.2	50.0	75.0	-25.0
	Till Child Pt/time	24.0	0.0	-24.0	25.9	11.8	-14.1	42.9	29.2	-13.7	25.0	0.0	-25.0
	Till Child Fl/time	12.0	28.6	+16.6	11.1	17.6	+6.5	0.0	12.5	+12.5	25.0	0.0	-25.0
	After Child Pt/time	16.0	14.3	-1.7	7.4	5.9	-1.5	28.6	4.2	-24.4	0.0	0.0	0.0
	After Child Fl/time	20.0	14.3	-5.7	14.8	0.0	-14.8	0.0	8.3	+8.3	0.0	25.0	+25.0
	Total	100.0	100.1	--	99.9	100.0	--	100.1	100.0	--	100.0	100.0	--
	N=	25	7	--	27	17	--	7	24	--	8	4	--
White	Not Work At All	54.0	43.6	-10.4	50.0	36.7	-13.3	37.5	46.4	+8.9	44.4	51.9	+7.5
	Till Child Pt/time	28.6	23.1	-5.5	24.0	22.4	-1.6	33.3	28.6	-4.7	33.3	22.2	-11.1
	Till Child Fl/time	11.1	25.6	+14.5	12.0	30.6	+18.6	12.5	10.7	-1.8	16.7	22.2	+5.5
	After Child Pt/time	6.3	7.7	+1.4	12.0	8.2	-3.8	4.2	3.6	-0.6	5.6	0.0	-5.6
	After Child Fl/time	0.0	0.0	0,0	2.0	2.0	0.0	12.5	3.6	-8.9	0.0	3.7	+3.7
	Total	100.0	100.0	--	100.0	99.9	--	100.0	99.9	--	100.0	100.0	--
	N=	63	39	--	50	49	--	24	28	--	18	27	--

Table 19. Change in Expectations for Wife to Work of Rural Louisiana Females by Race and Residence, 1968-1972

Black

Expectations for Wife to Work After Marriage	Farm			Open-Country (Nonfarm)			Town or Village			City		
	1968 %	1972 %	Change %	1968 %	1972 %	Change %	1968 %	1972 %	Change %	1968 %	1972 %	Change %
Not Work At All	13.3	0.0	-13.3	6.7	5.1	-1.6	17.4	8.3	-9.1	10.0	0.0	-10.0
Till Child Pt/time	13.3	33.3	+20.0	22.2	12.8	-9.4	13.0	33.3	+20.3	20.0	16.7	-3.3
Till Child Fl/time	16.7	16.7	0.0	17.8	17.9	+0.1	26.1	8.3	-17.8	20.0	33.3	+13.3
After Child Pt/time	30.0	16.7	-13.3	24.4	25.6	+1.2	13.0	33.3	+20.3	0.0	16.7	+16.7
After Child Fl/time	26.7	33.3	+6.6	28.9	38.5	+9.6	30.4	16.7	-13.7	50.0	33.3	-16.7
Total	100.0	100.0	--	100.0	99.9	--	99.9	99.9	--	100.0	100.0	--
N=	30	6	--	45	39	--	23	12	--	10	6	--

White

Not Work At All	23.1	21.7	-1.4	13.7	13.8	+0.1	6.9	5.1	-1.8	10.0	14.7	+4.7
Till Child Pt/time	15.4	4.3	-11.1	23.5	13.8	-9.7	27.6	15.4	-12.2	35.0	17.6	-17.4
Till Child Fl/time	36.5	47.8	+11.3	37.3	50.0	+12.7	48.3	53.8	+5.5	25.0	41.2	+16.2
After Child Pt/time	19.2	13.0	-6.2	17.6	10.3	-7.3	6.9	15.4	+8.5	15.0	14.7	-0.8
After Child Fl/time	5.8	13.0	+7.2	7.8	12.1	+4.3	10.3	10.3	0.0	15.0	11.8	-3.2
Total	100.0	99.8	--	99.9	100.0	--	100.0	100.0	--	100.0	100.0	--
N=	52	23	--	51	58	--	29	39	--	20	34	--

Table 20. Change in Levels of Importance of Marriage and Family of Rural Louisiana Males by Race and Residence, 1968-1972

	Levels of Importance	Farm			Open-Country (Nonfarm)			Town or Village			City		
		1968 %	1972 %	Change %	1968 %	1972 %	Change %	1968 %	1972 %	Change %	1968 %	1972 %	Change %
Black	High (1,2)	6.9	12.5	+5.6	6.7	5.6	-1.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	9.1	0.0	-9.1
	Medium (3,4,5)	20.7	25.0	+4.3	26.7	22.2	-4.5	20.0	32.0	+12.0	27.3	33.3	+6.0
	Low (6,7)	72.4	62.5	-9.9	66.7	72.2	+5.5	80.0	68.0	-12.0	63.6	66.7	+3.
	Total	100.0	100.0	--	100.1	100.0	--	100.0	100.0	--	100.0	100.0	--
	N=	29	8	--	30	18	--	10	25	--	11	3	--
White	High(1,2)	18.8	20.5	+1.7	3.6	10.0	+6.4	16.7	20.0	+3.3	15.8	11.1	-4.7
	Medium (3,4,5)	50.7	43.6	-7.1	55.4	34.0	-21.4	45.8	36.7	-9.1	57.9	40.7	-17.2
	Low (6,7)	30.4	35.9	+5.5	41.1	56.0	+14.9	37.5	43.3	+5.8	26.3	48.1	+21.8
	Total	99.9	100.0	--	100.0	100.0	--	100.0	100.0	--	100.0	99.9	--
	N=	69	39	--	56	50	--	24	30	--	19	27	--

Table 21. Change In Level of Importance of Marriage and Family of Rural Louisiana Females by Race and Residence, 1968-1972

	Levels of Importance	Farm 1968 %	Farm 1972 %	Farm Change %	Open-Country (Nonfarm) 1968 %	Open-Country (Nonfarm) 1972 %	Open-Country (Nonfarm) Change %	Town or Village 1968 %	Town or Village 1972 %	Town or Village Change %	City 1968 %	City 1972 %	City Change %
Black	High (1,2)	12.5	11.1	-1.4	4.0	9.1	+5.1	8.7	30.0	+21.3	0.0	0.0	0.0
	Medium (3,4,5)	21.9	22.2	+0.3	32.0	20.5	-11.5	43.5	10.0	-33.5	50.0	28.6	-21.4
	Low (6,7)	65.6	66.7	+1.1	64.0	70.5	+6.5	47.8	60.0	+12.2	50.0	71.4	+21.4
	Total	100.0	100.0	--	100.0	100.1	--	100.0	100.0	--	100.0	100.0	--
	N=	32	9	--	50	44	--	23	10	--	12	7	--
White	High (1,2)	39.6	50.0	+10.4	38.5	28.3	-10.2	33.3	47.6	+14.3	33.3	31.4	-1.9
	Medium (3,4,5)	34.0	29.2	-4.8	44.2	45.0	+0.8	40.0	31.0	-9.0	47.6	45.7	-1.9
	Low (6,7)	26.4	20.8	-5.6	17.3	26.7	+9.4	26.7	21.4	-5.3	19.0	22.9	+3.9
	Total	100.0	100.0	--	100.0	100.0	--	100.0	100.0	--	99.9	100.0	--
	N=	53	24	--	52	60	--	30	42	--	21	35	--

Working Table A. Frequency Distributions of Marital and Procreative Projections for Rural Louisiana Youth by Race and Sex, 1968-1972

	Black Males		White Males		Black Females		White Females	
	1968	1972	1968	1972	1968	1972	1968	1972
N =	91	64	168	150	126	77	157	162
Desired Age at Marriage								
19 or Less	8	13	21	21	15	19	37	55
20-22	19	7	55	53	39	30	94	83
23-24	22	12	38	20	37	16	17	12
25 or More	42	32	54	56	35	12	9	12
Number of Children Desired								
None	0	0	3	5	3	2	3	5
1	2	1	4	5	4	5	1	7
2	29	22	41	63	48	33	22	50
3	8	15	43	28	22	9	33	32
4	30	11	42	24	33	16	57	42
5 or More	17	5	23	12	11	7	34	20
No Information	5	10	12	13	5	5	7	6
Number of Children Expected								
None	1	0	4	5	4	5	2	9
1	4	0	4	4	5	7	1	2
2	21	17	43	51	34	26	23	61
3	8	13	39	24	22	10	36	32
4	28	9	40	29	38	15	57	35
5 or More	22	10	21	12	16	9	26	15
No Information	7	13	17	24	7	5	12	8
Desire for Wife Working After Marriage								
Not Work at All	36	28	97	71	10	3	22	11
Till Child, pt/time	18	7	26	31	21	14	32	27
Till Child, fl/time	10	14	24	35	22	14	62	84
Aft. Child, pt/time	6	3	4	6	23	7	30	14
Aft. Child, fl/time	7	7	3	3	41	30	10	16
No Information	14	5	14	4	9	9	1	10
Expectation for Wife Working After Marriage								
Not Work at All	24	29	76	62	12	3	23	19
Till Child, pt/time	18	10	44	34	19	13	35	21
Till Child, fl/time	8	8	19	34	21	12	57	75
Aft. Child, pt/time	8	3	12	9	23	16	24	20
Aft. Child, fl/time	9	4	4	4	33	21	13	18
No Information	24	10	13	7	18	12	5	9
Importance of Marriage and Family								
1 (High)	3	0	5	10	2	5	33	40
2	2	2	17	12	6	3	25	20
3	5	4	22	25	9	3	30	18
4	8	6	33	14	14	4	18	25
5	6	5	33	17	16	7	15	20
6	32	23	24	19	31	18	18	16
7 (Low)	24	15	34	49	39	32	17	22
No Information	11	9	0	4	9	5	1	1